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1. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 16 October 1950 eight silver-painted aircraft with high rudder assemblies slanting to the rear and elevator assemblies set very high were standing on the eastern edge of the Brandis (N 52/E 31) airfield. About 40 soldiers were near the planes. The weather was hazy and there was no flying. About 150 soldiers wearing blue epaulets were drilling on the athletic field near the barracks.

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2. Eight barracks buildings were seen. Some of them were occupied by Soviet dependents. Eleven officers wearing blue-bordered silver epaulets were counted near the buildings. There were no obstacle lights. The field was guarded by several patrols and sentries. *

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3. On 27 October 1950 the field was occupied by 35 single-seater jet fighters with swept-back wings, six two-seater low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, and four biplanes. ** The jet fighters were moved out of the hangars and towed to the parking site by jeeps. There was intensive flying in formations of three, five and seven planes. The flying time was between 35 and 40 minutes. The take-off run was estimated to be about 1,500 meters. About 300 officers and EM were quartered in the barracks buildings. During flying activity the field was guarded particularly strictly. No radio station or radar set was seen. *** Digging was being done on the parking site for aircraft in the southeastern corner of the field.

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* Comment. The information supplements a previous report

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** Comment. Thirty-five jet aircraft, Mig-15s, represent the maximum number so far seen in Brandis. The two-seater single-engine planes are presumably Yak-11 and ULA-7 trainers. One fighter regiment is still believed to be stationed in Brandis. The regiment is subordinate to the fighter division headquarters stationed in Grossenhain.

*** Comment. No other radar set in Brandis. This may indicate that no fighter division headquarters is stationed in Brandis.

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